

The Louisiana Institute of Higher Education Presents

The Third Annual Battle of New Orleans Historical Symposium

January 9th & 10th, 2015 – at the Nunez Community College Auditorium
*(you will hear lectures likely on the very spot that soldiers mustered for the Battle – though
some comforts have been added in the last 200 years)*

Friday, January 9th, 2015

10:30 to 10:35 am – **Welcome – Dr. S. A. Cavell**

10:40 to 11:15 am – **The Battle: January 8th, the Fateful Day**

Ron Chapman will discuss the Battle in full with special emphasis on the operations on the West Bank

11:20 to 12:05 pm – **Jazz Brunch**

Demonstrations, exhibits & artifacts, informal interaction

12:10 to 12:45 pm – **Cochrane, Tonnant, and the War of 1812: A British Admiral and His French Ship in the American War**

William Griffin will deliver a portrait of a dominant yet often dismissed figure in the War of 1812: the honourable Sir Alexander Forester Inglis Cochrane.

12:50 to 1:25 pm – **The Battle of Lake Borgne**

Dr. S. A. Cavell will discuss the naval battle of December 1814 that played a pivotal role in the eventual American victory at the Battle of New Orleans.

1:30 to 2:05 pm – **What Might Have Happened to America Had the British Won**

Dr. Robert Wettemann will discuss the possible ramifications if the British had won the Battle of New Orleans, especially the dramatic differences to America.

2:10 to 2:45 pm – **Andrew Jackson: Hero of New Orleans**

Jason Wiese will give an overview of Jackson's accomplishments in the Creek War and the Battle, the controversies that attended his great victory, and his astounding celebrity.

2:50 to 3:25 pm – **Weaponry in the Battle of New Orleans**

Philip Schreier will discuss the weaponry used by the American and the British forces at the Battle and explain the connection to the eventual outcome.

3:30 to 4:05 pm – **History of the 44th Regiment of Infantry from Activation to Consolidation**

Harold Youmans will give an overview of a key contribution to the American victory, the 44th Regiment, tracing its history from 1812 to 1815.

4:10 to 4:15 pm – **Closing Remarks – Dr. Curtis Manning**

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10:30 to 10:35 am – **Welcome – Martin K. A. Morgan**

10:40 to 11:15 am – **St. Bernard Parish in 1815**

Dr. Christina Vella will discuss the culture and geography of St. Bernard Parish as context for the events surrounding the Battle.

11:20 to 12:05 pm – **Jazz Brunch**

Demonstrations, exhibits/artifacts, informal interaction, book-signings

12:10 to 12:45 pm – **The Role of Chalmette, de La Ronde & Villere in the Battle**

William Hyland will discuss Ignace Chalmette, Denis de La Ronde and Jacques Villere and detail the role these St. Bernard residents played in the Battle and the preceding events.

12:50 to 1:25 pm – **Kentuckians & Tennesseans in the Battle of New Orleans**

Eddie Price will discuss the role of troops from Kentucky and Tennessee in the Battle as well as their travails in reaching New Orleans.

1:30 to 2:30 pm – **Keynote Address – The Pirates Laffite and the British Invasion of Louisiana**

William C. Davis will discuss the actions of Jean and Pierre Laffite immediately before, during, and after the British invasion of 1814-1815 and the Battle of New Orleans.

2:35 to 3:10 pm – **Free People of Color in the Battle of New Orleans**

Dr. Ina Fandrich will discuss the role of Free People of Color – both as troops in the Battle as well as in a supporting role on the homefront.

3:15 to 3:50 pm – **The Experience of Defeat: the Influence of the Battle on Post-War National Defense Planning**

Martin K. A. Morgan will compare the construction of the U.S. 3rd System of Fortifications after the War of 1812 to the construction of the French Maginot Line after World War I.

3:55 to 4:30 pm – **Celluloid History: The Battle of New Orleans in Film**

Daniel A. Martinez will review how Hollywood has portrayed the Battle of New Orleans and its historical characters, especially highlighting a popular version of history that is often distorted.

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